



# ***Military Requirements for C4ISTAR II***

## ***Perspectives on Future Combat & Enduring Lessons from Afghanistan***

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# Enduring Lessons for Future Conflict



*The only certainty in future conflict...*

*'No war is ever like the war that went before'*

*I B Davidson 2002*

*'The military mind always imagines that the next war will be on the same lines as the last. That has never been the case and never will be.'*

*Ferdinand Foch, Precepts 1919*



# Enduring characteristics of the Afghanistan conflict - Geo-political aspects

- Neither wholly a War of Choice nor a War of National Survival
- Irregular enemy ignoring the Rules of War.
- Requiring global reach
- Location not of our choosing
- Ad-hoc coalition of the willing





# Enduring characteristics of the Afghanistan conflict - Political constraints

- Own casualty intolerant
- Collateral damage/non-combatant casualty averse
- Long duration intolerant
- Close political control
- Media pressure for swift and decisive action



# Enduring characteristics of the Afghanistan conflict - Operational constraints

- Asymmetric
- Short notice
- Limited opportunity for Intelligence preparation of the battlespace
- C2 structures varied
- Non-linear battlespace
- Tight RoE
- Targets fleeting
- Limited Host Nation Support



# Revisit our Intelligence CONOPS

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Ensure clear demarcation and  
no duplication of  
responsibilities/assets here





# Revisit our Intelligence CONOPS

Peacetime activity to  
decide and satisfy  
baseline awareness  
information  
requirements to an  
operational level

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# How to achieve the requirement

- Decide which game we can afford to play:
  - Stand-alone broad National capability
  - Focussed specialist coalition contribution
- Increased intelligence preparation pre-operation
- Maximise value of purchased capability - NEC
  - Identification of the requirement - based on effects
  - Procure accordingly
    - Integration of current assets
    - Incremental acquisition of new equipments to maintain their relevance and capability
    - A more flexible equipment programme to respond to evolving threats
  - Rapid pull through and demonstration of relevant technology



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*Hence:*

**We cannot abandon the ability to fight  
the symmetrical, linear, high intensity  
war**